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GRIDIRON CLUB IN ROUND OF MIRTH

First Dinner of the Season a Rare Function.

PRESIDENT ENJOYS IT

Vice President, Speaker, Members of Cabinet There.

Pieture Features Furnish Rich Entertainment Between the Courses. Initiation of Two New Members During the Evening-Messages Over Phone Tended Further to Enliven Evening-No Reporters Present.

"The President of the United States!" As the toast was given, the entire assemblage, amid great enthusiasm, aros and drank the President's health. It was a remarkable company-including not only President Roosevelt, but Vice President Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon, the Italian British, Russian, and Japanese ambassa dors, and scores of men distinguished in every walk of life,

The time-Last night, The place-The banquet room of the New Willard. The occasion-The annual fall dinner of the Gridlron Club.

Where shall the story begin? Shall it be with the President's characteristic speech or with the Gridiron's laughable attemp to establish a stable government in Cuba Or shall there be related the pathetic narrative of how a number of prominent gen-tlemen were asked to stand right up and turn around, and then sit down again? Or shall we drop into poetry, like Silas Wegg, and rehearse the songs that were sung, and which had for their texts sung, and which had for their texts President Roosevelt, and Secretary Shaw, and Secretary Taft, and other famous men? Or, perhaps best of all, ought not the first place be given to "The Simple Speller and Gridiron Dikshunary?" But this deserves a chapter to itself.

Through a Cuban Jungle.

To begin at the beginning, the guests of the Gridiron Club gathered together in the white and gold reception hall of the New Willard, with President Roose velt mingling among them in true demo cratic fashion. He shook hands cordially with the foreign ambassadors and chat ted with the railway magnates, nodde to five or six of his Cabinet officers, spoke to Senators and Representatives almost without number, and then, to the music of the Marine Band, took the arm of President Fearn, of the Gridiron Club and led the procession of 225 members and guests into the banquet room. The way led through a Cuban jungle of palms and other tropical plants into an apartmen made beautiful by the florist's art. The table, bright with cut glass and silver was one mass of flowers and foliage. The vast ceiling and walls were hung with a profusion of Southern smilax, while great clusters of American Beauty roses sur-rounded the electric gridien suspended transformed the room into a which appealed to the eye and gratified every aesthetic taste.

While the guests were still standing at their chairs, the lights were suddenly extinguished and the excellent quartet professional men met on an equal foot-began to sing a welcome. As the song ing here to-day, when the leading men came to an end the great gridiron flashed brilliantly forth, and then came a rousing chorus, which gave the keynote to the evening's entertainment. For a few moments the guests were allowed op-portunity to discuss the oysters, and also to glance at the "Dikshunary," an artistic volume in black and white, which was the souvenir of the occasion. More about this volume anon-and it is worth reading about, even if you skip all there between. But verbum sapientum, as we used to say in school; don't skip anything. Nobody skipped anything at the dinner, and it is a pretty good story to purely for Louisville and Louisville

They Sat Right Down Again.

The club members did most of the en- fersonian Republican." He said in part: tertaining, of course, but the guests were not slighted. For instance, there was a forty years in this community. Though which bore lightly on the recent trip of was imported directly from the adjoin the President, for it told how he sailed ing State of Tennessee. In order to right in and turned around, then sailed enlarge my mind, however, the nation's right home again. After a few more icidents of the same kind had been related, the secretary of the club read the school, I grew to manhood there. roll of those who had requested an op portunity to make a speech. Here was the list:

The Italian Ambassador.
The British Ambassador.
The Russian Ambassador.
The Japanese Ambassador.
Lieut. Gen. Henry C. Corbin, U. S. A.

Stayvesant Fish.

Senator Tillman.
H. St. George Tucker.
David R. Francis.

When these distinguished gentlemen were standing, expecting the heavens to fall or an earthquake to happen-and perhaps wishing that it would-a solo and chorus was addressed to them in this

We greet you gentlemen to-night, and bid you wel-Where form and dignity are barred by humor and We cannot hear you all orate, or tell your stories

Such happiness would be too great, so this we'll have to do:

CHORUS: CHORUS:

Please all stand up, then turn around, and sit right down again.

It's often that we entertain so many noted men. You'll not offend us in the least, if you are silent through the feast—

Please all stand up, then turn around and all.

ise all stand up, then turn around, and sit At the conclusion of this pleasant ditty,

the distinguished gentlemen all sat down. Of course, they never made speeches. It wasn't intended that they should. Cabinet Changes.

Almost as soon as the dinner had commenced, a member arose and announced

that he desired to read a bulletin from the White House. The valuable information which it contained was as follows: Weather indications being unfavorable, the White House tennis court will be closed, and "Jimmy" Garfield is released to take office as Secretary of the Interior at once. Mr. Hitchcock has kindly consented to retire on January 1. Official reason given, private business. No further changes are contem-

were promulgated. Admiral Robley D. ness men. Evans was announced as Secretary of the

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SCENES AT THE GRIDIRON CLUB DINNER.

Farewell Dinner Before His Departure for Europe.

WILL SPEND WINTER IN SPAIN

Louisville Editor Chief Guest at the Banquet by His Fellow-townsmen, with James Whitcomb Riley and W. C. Bobbs as the Only Out-oftown Guests Present.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 8 .- Party lids were thrown down and all business and ing here to-day, when the leading men of Louisville gave Henry Watterson a "Stirrup cup" dinner as a sort of farewell prior to his departure for a win-

ter in Spain. More than 200 men sat down at the tables in the Galt House to show their respect and affection for the editor of 14-Board of Charities Desires New Hosthe Courier-Journal. James Whitcomb Riley and W. C. Bobbs were the only out-of-town guests. Riley responded to the toast, "Home Poetry." Mr. Watterson spoke briefly, his address being "A Lincoln Democrat, crossed on a Jef-

"I have lived and labored now nearly round-you know the rest-one verse of from Virginia and Kentucky stock, I capital was chosen as the place of my birth, and, excepting some intervals at

"It has fallen to my lot to see much of life, and many conditions and aspects upon me, I should without the least hesitation answer, 'Good neighbor-

JURY FEARS COAT OF TAR.

Acquittal of Youth Charged with hibited. Girl's Murder Causes Indignation. view of the evidence, that the public Their stay here has been one of bitterness.

is greatly incensed. Four eyewitnesses of the killing were not contradicted on the stand, but this apparently did not weigh with the

Nothing has been discussed but the verdict since it was rendered, and popular feeling is running high. Several of the jurors are reported to be guarded in their homes for fear of an outbreak against them.

PHILADELPHIA WAKES UP.

Wants Post-office to Remain Open the Whole Night Long. Philadelphia, Dec. 8.-The closing of the

money order and the registry divisions at Coming as it does at, a time of year

when the business houses are sending out large quantities of registered mail matter, Crews of Two Steamers on the Great the new order has imposed a great hardship on the merchants of the city.

ness is greatly interfered with through Thursday's fierce northwest gale. the delay in shipments. Guests at the hotels have also added

Navy from March 4 to March 5; the re- I Want What I Want When I Want It -heat. Ofte Hot-water Radiator does the trick. Demonstrations, 509 9th st.

WEATHER FORECAST.

*For the District of Columbia and Maryland-Cloudy to-day, possibly light rain or snow. Tomorrow fair and colder; light, variable winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

TELEGRAPHIC.

1-\$700,000 Fire in Chicago 1-A. I, Du Pont Gets a Divorce. 1-Bailey's Friends Remain Loyal. 1-Watterson Speaks at Farewell Dinner 5-Mrs, Birdsong Tells-Her Story, 5-Four Killed in Wreck on Southern 10-Cornell in Deep Gloom.

LOCAL. 1-Ex-Senator Brown, of Utah, Shot in Hotel by Woman.

1-Bellamy Storer Gives Out Roosevelt 1-Gridiron Ciub Gives Annual Dinner. 1-Alexandria Man Falls Against Stove

4-Sire and Son Indicted at Alexandria. 10-Attorney General Moody Wants Revision of Laws.

men, although he described himself as Socialistic Writer and Madame Andresia Forced to Depart.

NAPLES OSTRACIZES GORKY

song about walking in and turning upon both sides of the house sprung Latest Play Is Put Under the Ban as Dangerous to Public

Order. Naples, Dec. 8 .- Maxim Gorky finds Naples as much opposed to his views on the

social question as he found America. His latest cause of protest came when the of life, and if you should ask me what prefect of police placed Gorky's latest lesson opportunity has most impressed play under the ban on the ground that it was dangerous to public order. The play had only been given a few

imes, but met with violent protest from the better element of citizens. The mat ter was placed before the city officials, and its production in Naples was pro-

Gorky is disgusted with the stand taken Schoharie, N. Y., Dec. 8 .- Tar and by the authorities, and has made arrangefeathers are threatened for the jury ments to leave Naples. Gorky brought which to-day acquitted Wayne Kan- with him Madame Andresia, and the re- treatment. nondy, tried on a charge of murdering ception accorded the couple was a great Kate Manchester. The verdict was so disappointment to them. They were not at variance with what was expected, in received except by the socialistic element. Gorky has bitterly complained of what he calls unjust social regulations.

PRINCE OF WALES IS ILL

Severe Cold Keeps Heir to Throne from Military Review.

London, Dec. 9 .- Reynolds' newspaper says the Prince of Wales is suffering from a severe cold, which prevented him from attending the military review on the Queen's birthday, December 1. The paper says that, although the fact has been arefully concealed, the prince has always had a rather weak chest, for which reason the late Sir Andrew Clarke advised him to take an annual lengthy sea cruise

The paper adds that the King intends

FEAR LOSS OF 32 LIVES.

Lakes Probably Drowned.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 8.-It is feared They declare that by closing these that thirty-two men, comprising the crews branches of the postal service from mid- of the steamers Lake Michigan and Mcnight until 7 o'clock in the morning, busi- Louth, went down with their boats in Both of the boats are known to have been out in the gale of Thursday, but no All during the evening similar bulletins their complaint to that made by the businews has been received from either of was excellent, and that her trial was suc-The Lake Michigan is on Lake Huron and the McLouth on Lake Superior.

A la Carte Lunch Served Daily

Chicago's Wholesale Clothing District in Danger.

Also Damaged, and Traffic Over It Will Be Biockaded for Several ence, determined to hold a mass meeting dangering Lives of Many People.

hour by a fire at the center of the whole-

sale clothing district. The flames were under control at 1 'clock this morning, and further property loss is unlikely, though there is Demise of Ruler of Persia Is Hourly much danger to life by the towering walls.

An immense crowd surrounds the ruined buildings, and the police are having a hard fight to keep the crowd outside the anger lines.

Originating from crossed electric wires the establishment of L. Loeb & Sons. the fire consumed all but the walls of the seven-story building at 240 and 242 Market street, occupied by Loeb & Sons Mrs. Verrault, of "Love Syndicate," and H. M. Lindethal & Sons.

The stocks of Stitz & Schenberg Brothers, Kah & Powers, Felix Kah & Co. and Well, Pflaum & Co., and in two ad joining seven-story structures were damaged by water almost as heavily as were those in the building actually burned. The Van Buren street bridge across the outh branch of the Chicago River also badly damaged by the fire and car not now be operated. Marine traffic on the branch and the operation of the rosses the bridges and gives access to

A. I. DU PONT GETS DIVORCE.

Millionaire Awarded Decree in the

Courts of South Dakota. Du Pont, millionaire powder manufac-Delaware, was to-day granted a divorce others, was for the sole purpose of from his wife, Bessie C. Du Pont, on the obtaining money from them and not with grounds of extreme cruelty and inhuman any intention of fulfilling her avowed in-

Before taking up his residence in Sioux Falls, in the early part of the present year, Mr. Du Pont's home was at Wilmington, Del. He is a vice president of land, and as to the declarations she the Du Pont Powder Company.

His attorney here was W. G. Porter, sistant United States attorney for South Dakota, and the decree was handed settlement out of court was reached, covring the disposition of the four young hildren and the question of alimony,

VERMONT IN TRIAL TEST.

Successful Run by Battle Ship in

Cold Weather and Gale. Boston, Dec. 8.-The new battle ship Vermont arrived in the harbor early this evening, incased in ice from her stem to her bridge, having completed a four-hour speed test and a twenty-four-hour endurthe central post-office, by orders from Washington, has raised a storm of pro- Washington, has raised a storm of pro- that his eldest grandson shall devote himself to a military career.

The paper adds that the King intends and backing tests. The war ship was vorced, she was yet looking for another, self to a military career. ance run, in addition to the usual steering while a stiff gale of wind stirred the sea into a big rumpus.

On the speed trial the Vermont made an average of 18.33 knots per hour for everaged 17.43 knots an hour during the twenty-four hours' endurance run, develping 14,500 horsepower. Rear Admiral Hemphill, chairman of the government trial board, wired to the Navy Depart-ment to-night that the behavior of the Vermont in the stiff gale and rough sea

BAILEY'S FRIENDS AID HIM. Many Democrats Call on Senator

and Pledge Their Support. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 8.-The Bailey and

Dallas. The city is the real central point of the anti-Bailey movement and its both sides. Many of the most promi-

BRIDGE OUT OF COMMISSION nent Democrats of the State have called OVERCOME BY THE FUMES on Bailey at his apartments in the Oriental Hotel. All pledged Bailey their sup Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Is port. Balley was plainly pleased at the evidence of confidence in him. The anti-Balley men, in their confer-

Days-Walls Threaten to Fall, En- in Dallas some day next week, at which ormer Attorney General M. M. Crane is to be one of the principal speakers.

A young men's "Anti-Bailey Demo-cratic Club" was organized, and sixty-five Chicago, Dec. 9.-Nearly \$769,696 worth members appointed to go into every vot- Special to The Washington Herald. of damage has been done within the last ing precinct of Dailas County to make Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8 .- Joseph H.

SHAH'S DEATH IS NEAR.

Expected. Paris, Dec. 8 .- A dispatch to the Matin from Teheran, says the Shah is still alive, but his death is hourly expected.

CLAIMS SHE WANTED TO WED

Says She Was in Earnest.

Admits Estimate of Her Wealth Was Exaggerated-Did Not Explain About Undivorced Husband.

New York, Dec. 8 .- Mrs. Bina Verrault, alias Helen Hamilton, on trial before Metropolitan Elevated Railroad, which United States Commissioner Shields, or charge of having used the United State mail with fraudulent intent, and alleged to be the head of a "love syndicate,"

took the stand in her own defense to Commissioner Shields took a hand in the questioning, and endeavored to force Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Dec. 8.-Alfred I. Mrs. Verrault to admit that her idea in sending the letters she did to Mcturer, and cousin of Senator Du Pont, of Cielland, the grocer, of Philadelphia, and

> ention of marrying the men she is alleged to have courted by mail. The commissioner questioned the woman closely as to her relations with McClel made about the money and property she had, and the financial status of "brother" who, she said, had "injuncted"

er bank funds in Boston. Mrs. Verrault stoutly declared that he itention all along was an honest one, and that she was really in search of a husband who would be good and kind o her and not in quest of "suckers," as as been intimated in the charges. She declared that some of her state

ments about the amount of property

she had might have been a trifle dis

tended, but she resolutely stuck to i that she did and does own some prop erty in Milwaukee, Wis., and that he "brother" really has some money and owns m'aing interests in Mexico. Mr. Dorr confronted Mrs. Verrault with he fact that, although she has a husditions, the weather being freezing cold, this issue with any ready reply. Her counsel, Henry Gordon Miller, was pres-ent at the hearing, and was frequently

> The hearing was adjourned until De-Rochefort Guilty of Libel. Paris, Dec. 8 .- The Appeals Court at

neard from while engaged in word bat

questions or testimo

Stenographers' Civil Service Exam- Visit the Washington Dairy Co.'s Booth

INVALID SUFFOCATED

nnti-Balley feeling is intensely acute in Joseph H. Gordon Falls from Bed, Upsetting Stove.

Smoke Chokes Out Life of Sick Man Neighbors-Aid Arrives Too Late. Deceased Was Veteran of Civil War-No Inquest Necessary.

anti-Bailey speeches and circulate anti- Gordon, a retired army officer and a her satchel to her room. Union veteran of the civil war, met a horrible death this evening about clock in Del Ray, near this city, by ing an oil stove, the smoke and flames of him I will have only 75 cents." which enveloped his head and produced speedy sufficiation. When his dead body the hotel attendants entered the room. of his bedroom, in the home of John I had cause to kill him." Marcher, where Mr. Gordon boarded, and

eside it was the overturned stove. It was this that attracted the attention of Mrs. Marcher, who sent her son up stairs to ascertain what had happened. The young man summoned aid, and the tove was immediately thrown out of the window, while efforts to resuscitate the unfortunate man were made.

Life Is Extinct.

Dr. E. A. Gorman, of this city, was

It appeared evident that death was used by suffocation.

Mr. Gordon, who was about sixty-five ears of age, had been in feeble health, and had been confined to his room for the past week. At the time of the acci-He fell, it is evident, and in his weak condition was unable to protect himself from the flames and smoke

No Inquest Necessary.

Coroner Ashton was notified, and after earning the circumstances in the case eemed an inquest unnecessary. It is probable the remains will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery, although

Little of Mr. Gordon's life history is known by those at the home of Mr. Marcher, where he had boarded for five or six years, but it is stated that his native home was in New York State. It is also said that at the time of his death he had no near relatives, his brother, his been killed almost by his side in the bat-

CAPTAIN SAVES SHIP AFIRE.

Impresses Longshoremen and Quietly Fights Flames Three Hours,

New York, Dec. 8 .- For almost three yours to-day crew and longshoremen fought flames on the steamer Huron, of the Clyde Line, as she lay at her pier at the foot of West Tenth street, Hudson River. Only by the most strenuous efforts, under the direction of Capt. Chichester, was the ship saved from destruc-

The fire started early to-day, but no report was made to the police, and no standing over him. In her hand she held tles with Mr. Dorr over objections to alarm was given. Instead, workers on the pier were pressed into service by Capt. Chichester. No one was allowed to leave lest the news of the fire became public. As the flames raged, several dropped unconscious from the fumes of Rouen has condemned Henri Rochefort burning cotton and rosin, which had comto pay \$4,000 for libeling Mme. Syveton, posed the cargo. The Huron arrived from Charleston

Evening Suits and Dinner Coats A la Carte Lunch Served Dally ination, Jan. 28. The Drillery, 1100 N. Y. at the Food Show. Beautiful pictures free tailored from newest and handsomest to every purchaser of Butterine. tailored from newest and handsomest to every purchaser of Butterine.

few days ago.

Woman Mortally Wounds Ex-Senator Brown.

REFUSED TO WED

Followed Him Across Continent to Demand Marriage.

BRINGS GUN FROM UTAH

Mrs. Annie M. Bradley Asserts She Was Justified in Attacking Man Whom, She Says, Deceived Her-Affair Dates Back for Twelve Years, During Which Relations Between Politician and Her Were Notorious.

Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, thirty-four years old, yesterday shot and mortally wounded former Senator Arthur Brown, sixty-four years old, of Salt Lake City, Utah, in his

room at the Raleigh Hotel. The woman had registered as Mrs. Brown, and went to his room in the aftercoon to demand that he marry her. When he refused she fired two shots, both of

them taking effect. She had followed him across the continent, carrying a revolver carefully deposited in a handbag. She shot him as he was putting on his overcoat, while preparing to dismiss her and leave the room. Mrs. Bradley says that Mr. Brown is the father of her two children, and that

the was justified in the attack. Her victim is lying at the point of death at the Emergency Hospital. One bullet pierced his hand, landing in the wall of nis room, while the second entered the abdomen, lodging against the pelvic bone Upon his arrival at the hospital Brown was placed under the influence of an mesthetic, and late last night the physicians said the chances are about four to one against his recovery. Because of his physical condition, which is said not to be that of a well-preserved man, it is be-

heved he will not recover from the wound Mrs. Bradley was immediately placed under arrest, after admitting she had shot Brown, and taken to No. 1 police station. Before Accident is Noticed by the The shooting is said to be the result of relations dating back twelve years, and involves a scandal that has connected the

names of the two for a number of years. When she was placed under arrest, she had but \$1 in her purse, and she seemed greatly chagrined because she had neglected to tip the bell boy who carried

Sorry She Didn't Tip Boy. "He got away so quickly I did not have time to give him anything," she said. "I falling from his sick bed and overturn- owe him a quarter, and when I have paid

"Yes, I killed him," she said, when was discovered, it was lying on the floor "Two wrongs do not make a right, but-To Manager Talty and J. S. Gunn, his

law partner, Brown said the woman had "Are you his wife?" asked Manager

Talty. "No; but I am the mother of his two children," she replied. The shooting created intense excite-

ment about the hotel and among the members of Congress, many of whom were well acquainted with Brown at the sent for, and found that Mr. Gordon had time he represented his State in the Senbeen dead for some time. His face was ate in 1896-7. Because of his prominence, badly burned and his clothes were both politically and legally, in Utah and scorched, but his body was almost unin- in Washington, his condition was the one topic of conversation last night among

his ex-colleagues. Senator Brown arrived in Washington on Wednesday and registered at the Raleigh. He had come here to appear before the Supreme Court on Wednesday, when he was to argue a case involving the past week. At the time of the acci-dent there was no one in the room with Idaho. He had gone about the city, and im, but it is supposed that he arose from had met many of his former friends and his bed and stumbled against the stove, acquaintances in numerous trips to the

Capitol building.

He had been about the city yesterday morning, and had returned to his room after lunch, when the woman who fired at him came to the hotel and registered. Made Rounds of Hotels,

She arrived yesterday morning, and had made the rounds of the hotels in her search for the one in which Mr. Brown was staying, going first to the Ebbltt, no arrangements for the funeral had been where it is said she was with Mr. Brown for a week or ten days in 1902, although she will neither deny nor affirm this state-

She came to the Raleigh Hotel shortly after noon, according to James Nelson, who pushed the register over to her. She entered her name as "A. M. Brown." She was assigned to room 227, after she had asked if Arthur Brown was living in the hotel and had been assured that he was. She said that she was not Brown's wife when asked by Mr. Nelson, and requested

separate room. The one assigned is on the same floor as that occupied by Mr. Brown, and but four doors away from it. Brown, it is belleved, was in his room at the time, as obody about the hotel had seen him between the time the woman was assigned the room and the time of the shooting. When Manager Talty was notified of the hooting by E. A. Parker, a colored bell boy, who was passing the door of the room at the time the shots were fired, he found ex-Senator Brown on the floor near the foot of the bed, with the woman a satchel and the revolver was found on a bureau at the other side of the room. A call was sent for a Casualty Hospital

ambulance, Brown was taken away, and CONTINUED ON FIFTH PAGE.

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